

distinct species comprising a capsule that is designed to be manually thrown into the path of the approaching vehicle."


Applicant respectfully submits that original claim 1 was not directed to a capsule propelled from a launch tube -- that specific limitation was only added in dependent claim 8. Similarly, newly submitted claim 12 does not specify how the capsule is launched, but amended claim 18 adds the limitation that the capsule is designed to be propelled from a launch tube. The argument that the original claims versus the amended claims are different in this particular respect is factually incorrect and appears to be a misreading of the claims.

Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection and submits that the amendment filed on June 24, 2002 is responsive.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance and action toward that end is respectfully requested. The undersigned welcomes a telephonic interview with the Examiner, if the Examiner believes that such an interview would facilitate review of this Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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